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INFO CINCPAC REP GUAM FOR SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR

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SUBJECT: REPATRIATION BY GROC OF CHINESE ON GUAM

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1. DRAWING ON CIVIL COORDINATOR'S ESTIMATES OF NUMBERS OF POTENTIAL CHINESE REPATRIATES ON GUAM (REFTEL) CHARGE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED GROC ATTITUDE TOWARD ACCEPTING CHINESE FOR SETTLEMENT ON TAIWAN IN CALL ON MOFA VICE MINISTER TSAI WEI-PING MAY 20. TSAI SAID HE COULD ONLY GIVE PRELIMINARY REPLY BUT BELIEVED GROC WOULD ACCEPT THOSE THNIC CHINESE WHO (1) HAVE GROC PASSPORTS OR POSSIBLY OTHER DOCUMENTATION IDENTIFYING THEM AS CHINESE NATIONS, AND (2) MOST IMPORTANTLY, WISH TO RESETTLE IN TAIWAN.

2. TSAI EXPLAINED THAT RESOURCES WERE STRAINED WITH A GROWING TOTAL OF ABOUT 4,000 REFUGEES NOW RECEIVING EITHER PARTIAL OR COMPLETE GROC SUPPORT THESE INCLUDE THE OUTFLOW FROM VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA BUT WHICH IS NOW BEING SWELLED BY DAIGV ARRIVALS FROM LAOS, THAILAND, AND OTHER COUNTRIES. STUDENTS FROM VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA STUDYING IN ROC SCHOOLS AND NOW STRANDED HERE WITHOUT SUPPORT ALSO COMPRISE A SIGNIFICANT GROUP. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. SINCE RMH HAS VERY FEW PRIVATE PHILANTHROPIC INSTITUTIONS, TSAI POINTED OUT THAT VIRTUALLY ALL SUPPORTING FUNDS, FACILITIES, AND PERSONNEL HAD TO COME FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCES AND IT WAS FACING CONTINUING DAILY STRUGGLE IN

FINDING THE FUNDS, SECURING AVAILABLE CAMP SPACE, AND
TAPPLING QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO KEEP ON TOP OF THEIR GROWING
REFUGEE PROBLEM. (FOR EXAMPLE, THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
HAD PROMISED MOFA USE OF THE MARINE CAMP NEAR KAO-
HSIUNG FOR ONE MONTH ONLY AND WAS NOW DEMANDING ITS RETURN).
A PECULIARLY CHINESE PROBLEM, TSAI SAID, INHIBITING THE
GROC FROM BEING MORE FORTHCOMING WITH GROUP ON GUAM
WAS THAT MANY CHINESE WERE BITTERLY RESENTFUL OVER FACT
GROC FAILED TO "DO ANYTHING FOR THEM" WHEN THEIR LIVES
WERE IN DANGER IN VIETNAM AND NOW WHEN THEY WERE SAFE ON
U.S. TERRITORY GROC EFFORTS ON THEIR BEHALF MIGHT EVEN
SPOIL THEIR CHANCES OF GOING TO THE UNITED STATES.

4. WHILE WE CANNOT YET CONSIDER TSAI'S REPLY AN AGREEMENT
IN PRINCIPLE, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT CHANCES ARE GOOD
ROC WILL AGREE TO TAKE BACK ALL THOSE CLEARLY DESIRING TO
COME AND WHO CAN BE SATISFACTORILY DOCUMENTED AS CHINESE
NATIONALS.
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